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In RE application of M. Nishi Serial No.: 09/940,924

Group Art Unit: 3627

Filed: August 29, 2001

Examiner: L. JASMIN

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANAGING CONSUMER GOODS
USED IN AN ANALYZERAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- No additional fee is required.

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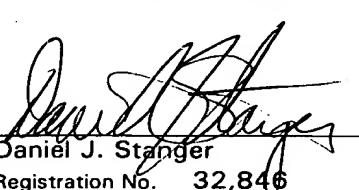
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REPLY

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

June 23, 2005

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed December 23, 2004,
please amend the above application as set forth below. A
Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time accompanies this
Reply.